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Chapter 3. County Agricultural Societies

IC 15-1-3-1

Organizations; money raising by subscription or membership fees; county funds

Sec. 1. Whenever thirty or more persons, residents of any county, or district, embracing two (2) counties, of this state, shall organize themselves into a society for the improvement of agriculture within said county or district, and shall have adopted a constitution and by-laws agreeably to the rules and regulations to be furnished by the Indiana state board of agriculture, and shall have appointed the usual and proper officers; and when said society shall have raised and paid to their treasurer, by voluntary subscription or by fees imposed upon its members, any sum of money not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00); and whenever the president of said society shall certify to the respective county auditors the amounts thus paid, attested by the oath or affirmation of the treasurer before a magistrate, it shall be the duty of said county auditors embraced within the district in which such society shall be organized, to draw an order on the treasurer of his respective county in favor of the president and treasurer of said society, for whatever amount of funds there shall have been received, during the previous year, for all licenses issued to persons exhibiting menageries, circuses or theatrical performances, or other shows, Provided said orders shall not exceed the amount raised and paid in by said society by voluntary subscriptions or fees; and it shall be the duty of the treasurer of said county to pay the same.

(Formerly: Acts 1852, IRS, c.2, s.1.)

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Premiums; promotion of agricultural and household manufacturing interests; competition for premiums; basis of awards

Sec. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the several county or district societies which may be formed under the provisions of section 1 of this chapter, during the continuance of this chapter, annually to offer and award premiums for the improvement of soils, tillage, crops, manures, improvement of stock, articles of domestic industry, and such other articles, productions, and improvements as they may deem proper; and they may perform all such acts as they may deem best calculated to promote agricultural and household manufacturing interests of the district and of the state. And it shall also be their duty so to regulate the amount of premiums, and the different grades of the same, as that it shall be competent for small as well as large farmers to have an opportunity to compete therefor.

(b) In making their awards, special reference shall be had to the profits which may accrue or be likely to accrue from the improved mode of raising the crop, or of improving the soil or stock, or of the fabrication of the articles thus offered, with the intention that the premiums shall be given for the most economical mode of

improvement. And all persons offering to compete for premiums on improved modes of tillage, or the production of any crop or other articles, shall be required, before such premium is adjudged, to deliver to the awarding committee a full and correct statement of the process of such mode of tillage or production, and the expense and value of the same, with a view of showing accurately the profits derived or expected to be derived therefrom.

(Formerly: Acts 1852, IRS, c.2, s.2.) As amended by P.L.183-1983, SEC.26.

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Publishing list of awards and abstract of treasurer's accounts; reports

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of each county or district society to publish, annually, a list of the awards, and an abstract of the treasurer's account in a newspaper of the district, and to make a report of its proceedings during the year, and synopsis of the awards for improvements in agriculture and household manufactures, together with an abstract of the several descriptions of those improvements, and also make a report of the conditions of agriculture in their county or district, which report shall be made out in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Indiana state board of agriculture, and shall be forwarded to the state board, at its annual meeting in January of each year; and no subsequent payment shall be made from the county treasury unless a certificate is presented to the auditor from the secretary of the state board showing that such report has been made.

(Formerly: Acts 1852, IRS, c.2, s.3.)